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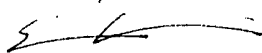
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U.S. Patent 4,592,038 corresponds to Document 2 cited by the Japanese Patent Office, namely JP 59-58637.

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